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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission announced the schedule for Municipal Council Elections, Corporation of City of Panaji and Bye Election to Village Panchayats to be held on 20th March, 2021 and the Election Code of Conduct has come into force from 22-02-2021. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms, firearms, and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful, and orderly conduct of the Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or cause danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering period;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time to all the licensed Arms Holders in North Goa District.

Now therefore, I, Ajit Roy, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P.C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all types of arms, fire arms, ammunition lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, thorough fare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of North Goa with immediate effect till election process is over;

Further, all the Arms License holders in North Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective jurisdiction immediately, on or before 01-03-2021. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the license holders after five days from counting i.e. after the election process is over;

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal firearm/s license or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty/Sports persons who

are members of National Rifle Association of India at different levels who have to participate in various sports events in which they use their arms, responsible persons of banks and its retainer and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the

maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Ajit Roy, IAS,
District Magistrate & MCEO,
North Goa, Panaji.

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